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ECHELON NAMED 2002 UTAH NATIONAL TIBBETT'S AWARD WINNER

*(Echelon Biosciences Inc. - Spin-off company from the
University of Utah Center for Cell Signaling)*

Echelon has been recognized in 2002 as one of the winners of the Seventh Annual "Tibbett's Award" and in doing so has brought national recognition of the quality of application of SBIR funding in Utah.

Named for Roland Tibbetts, acknowledged as the father of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program, these prestigious national awards are made annually to those small firms, projects, organizations and individuals judged to exemplify the very best in SBIR achievement.

The nomination and selection processes are designed specifically not to pit any one geographic area against any other. Significant state and regional variation is assumed. The emphasis is on recognizing those accomplishments where, in the judgment of those close to hand and often most immediately affected, the stimulus of SBIR funding has made an important and definable difference.

In selecting Tibbett's Award recipients, the focus is primarily on:

- Economic impact of technological innovation
- Business achievement and effective collaborations
- Demonstrated state and regional impact and proven statement

A list of the 2002 winners can be found at:

http://www.sbirstr.net/tibbetts/awardee/awardee_list.asp

The award will be presented to a representative of Echelon in Washington, D.C. on October 2, 2002.

This is the second time Echelon has been recognized with this honor. It occurred in 1999 and again now in 2002.

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